Fish and prawn cultivation in brackish waters

2141. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the available area of inland brackish water ponds and lakes in the country;

(b) what fraction of this area is utilised for fish and prawn cultivation;

(c) whether the know-how for protected cultivation of prawns in brackish water is indigenously available; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to encourage prawn cultivation in protected brackish waters in collaboration with countries having that know-how?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) According to a recent estimate by the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, the total potential area available for brackish water farmings is about 9.0 lakh hectares.

(b) it is estimated that about 37000 hectares is being utilised for fish and prawn farming.

(c) and (d) Technology for prawn culture has been developed in India. However, foreign collaborations are not discouraged.

2142. [*Transferred to the 21st August, 1985*]

Hindustan Prefab Limited

2143. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the items manufactured by the Hindustan Prefab Limited;

(b) whether the Company was running at a loss during the last two years;

(c) if so, what is the amount of loss incurred during 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(d) what are the causes for the losses; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to transfer the Company to the private sector in view of the continued losses?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The Hindustan Prefab Limited is engaged in the manufacture of pre-stressed concrete items like electric poles, railway sleepers; precast building components; wooden joinery items; light weight celluler concrete, etc.

(b) to (d) The Company incurred a loss of Rs. 1.43 crores and Rs. 1.01 crores during 1983-84 and 1984-85 respectively. The losses were mainly due to non-utilisation of capacities due to lack of orders, uneconomical rates offered by clients and high incidence of labour and overhead cost, etc.

(e) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Clearance of encroachments in public land in Delhi

2144. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the lands protection department of DDA has cleared encroachments on public lands;

(b) if so, what is the extent of area recovered so far;

(c) the number of unauthorised structures demolished; and

(d) whether any effort was made to rehabilitate the slum dwellers by providing them with alternate land elsewhere?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir some encroachments have been cleared.

(b) About 50 acres were recovered in July, 1985.

(c) About 1350 structures of various types.

(d) As reported by DDA, the slum dwellers after their removal from slum areas, have been rehabilitated in slum tenements and for commercial activity, they have been allotted land/stalls as per Government policy.

New format for National Programme on Doordarshan

2145. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan has completely revised the national programme format from this month, introducing several new serials;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the pattern of the new programme and serials; and

(c) the approximate amount the new serials are likely to fetch to the Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The timings of the National Programme which were from 9.00 p.m. to 10.40 p.m. have been changed to 8.40 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. with effect from 11th August, 1985. The Hindi news bulletins are now put out at 8.40 p.m. and English news at 9.30 p.m. instead of 9.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. respectively. Several new programmes/serials have been added in the new format. Programes of entertainment, social and cultural interest, youth, sports etc., find special place in the new format of National Programme. New sponsored serials which are being introduced with effect from 11th August, 1985 in the National Programme are:—

1. Natkhat Narad
2. Basanti
3. Terry and June
4. Bante Bigadate

(c) The new serials introduced in the National Programme are likely to fetch a gross revenue of approx Rs. 2.30 lakhs per week.

Abolition of Single State Food Zone System

2146. *SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :*
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering abolition of single state food zone system; and

(b) whether Government have also considered introduction of monopoly purchase of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) The country is treated as one zone for the movement of wheat rice and coarse grains. There is no proposal under the consideration of the Government to make any change in this system.

(b) No, Sir.

T.V. Centre at Cuddapah, Andhra Pradesh

2147. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation for setting up a high power Doordarshan Centre at Cuddapah in Andhra Pradesh which is a centrally located place in the Rayalaseema District; and

(b) if so, what action Government has taken in the matter?